The state insurance company LVA required a new regional headquarters for their previously dispersed offices, which had been located in and around the medieval city center of Lübeck. LVA’s new suburban site needed to offer compensatory attractions - namely, a much improved and more generous working environment allowing panoramic views of the historic city.

The office building with its four main arms stretches along the diagonals of the site, the narrow form of each of the arms allowing for both natural lighting and ventilation and maximum visual connection to the surroundings.

The building respects the complex organizational demands of the different departments, while creating a series of focus points to promote staff communication and offer respite from cellular office spaces. These special places include the central multi-story entrance hall, which operates very much as a “market square”; the restaurant, which extends into one of the landscaped courtyards; the rooftop conference rooms, offering a decidedly different geometry; the tea kitchens, designed as “sun spots” and communication areas; the sports hall; various circulation areas, such as corridors, galleries and open stairs, which create horizontal and vertical links, niches and spatial contexts; and the roof terraces and greenhouses.